MRS. RISCH

JR. HIGH PHILOSOPHY
What do you THINK?

CONTACT ME
My website is available under the Academics tab of the JA secondary website
krisch@ajajaga.com
* I typically respond to email within 24 hours. If you need emergency help on an assignment, check the website and ask your classmates first, but I will try to help if I see your question in time.

OFFICE HOURS
3:20 - 3:50PM (M-F)

ON THE WEB
In English, we use a few supplementary websites:
- NeoRedink for grammar
- Vocabulary.com for vocabulary
- Run hab for GOAL Fair

RULES & POLICIES

GRADERS
Grades in English are weighted. You can check your grades at any time using Infinite Campus.
35% Papers
35% Participation Tests & Projects
30% Quizzes

LATE WORK & RETAKES
HOMEWORK: Late homework is accepted for 50% of the original score. (See back page for more info)
TESTS & QUIZZES: Tests scoring below 85% can be redone for a chance at a higher score after a conference with Mrs. Risch.

TECHNOLOGY
We will use Google Classroom. Be sure to check it daily for assignment resources and reminders and announcements about assignments and other class activities. Please bring your devices daily. We have a limited number of Chromebooks for use in the event of forgotten or uncharged devices. Students abusing work time on devices will forfeit the right to technology and will work by hand.

MATERIAL
Middle School is an excellent time for building organizational strategies & habits. Bringing the following tools to class daily will help keep you organized:
- Planner (supplied by JA)
- Loose leaf paper (college rule)
- 3" Binder for ELA notes or returned work
- Spiral Notebook for daily Warm-Ups
- Variety of colors of pens, pencils, & highlighters
- Sticky Notes

2019-20
Jefferson Academy
We read to know we are not alone
WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS CLASS

English is an important skill for everyone! I believe that writing well and reading well gives people the tools they need to succeed in life. Junior high is an important time to learn to self-advocate, organize, and plan ahead. We work hard to hone these skills in junior high, and so it is important to utilize all the strategies presented to you and to talk to me if you have questions! Every student matters and is completely capable of success in this course.

Students interested in Honors may complete the Honors Portfolio to earn Honors credit at the end of the semester.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Each unit includes short stories, non-fiction articles, and a Medium Constructed Response

1st Quarter
- Re-establishing classroom procedures and year-long skills
- Advice Column
- To Kill a Mockingbird

2nd Quarter
- Short Story Unit
- Holocaust Stories

3rd Quarter
- Animal Farm
- GOAL Fair

4th Quarter
- GOAL Fair Presentations
- Twelfth Night

Final Exam
Each semester will have a final exam. It will be cumulative, and the May final will incorporate information from both semesters.

GOAL Fair is...
a capstone research essay that we will work to construct throughout the entire school year, beginning with developing a question on an individualized topic, all the way through the first drafting and final drafting process. Rumors abound, and this project sounds hard, but if you stick with the schedule I provide, it will go smoothly. Promise.

A Note on Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is copying or using someone else's work without giving credit. It is a form of cheating and carries serious consequences, including plagiarized work receiving a permanent 0%.
Please sign, detach, and return this page to acknowledge that you have read and understand the syllabus. Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding policies: krisch@ajags.com.

Signed syllabus is due Monday, August 19th.

STUDENT PRINTED NAME: ____________________________________________

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ________________________________________________

PARENT PRINTED NAME: ____________________________________________

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